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FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S DESK

Liban Roba Duba - Managing Director

June reaffirmed an important truth: sustainable development is built through partnerships, sound governance, and decisions grounded in evidence.

Throughout the month, TARDA strengthened collaboration with national and county governments, development partners, communities, and technical institutions to advance integrated planning, climate resilience, environmental conservation, and socio-economic transformation across the Tana and Athi River Basins.

One of the month's defining moments was the inaugural TARDA Development Dialogues on Dam Safety and National Infrastructure Resilience. The discussions reinforced that safeguarding our dams is not simply an engineering responsibility—it is fundamental to protecting lives, strengthening water security, supporting economic growth, and building resilience in the face of climate change.

Equally significant was the progress made towards developing the Integrated Athi River Basin Plan, where extensive field engagements reminded us that effective planning begins by listening to communities and understanding our river systems as interconnected landscapes.

June also saw us invest in what matters most—people. From strengthening institutional governance through capacity building, to empowering communities through beekeeping, environmental conservation, youth initiatives, and World Environment Day activities across multiple counties, every engagement reflected our belief that lasting development must create both opportunity and resilience.

As we move forward, TARDA remains committed to building partnerships that deliver measurable impact, protecting the natural resources entrusted to us, and creating sustainable solutions that improve the lives of the communities we serve.



Building Synergies For Sustainable Development And Climate Resilience

On June 15th 2026, TARDA joined fellow State Corporations under the State Department for ASALs and Regional Development for an introductory meeting convened by newly-appointed Ag. Principal Secretary, Dr. Caroline Karugu, PhD. The meeting provided an opportunity for Regional Development Authorities and other SAGAs to present their mandates, flagship programmes, strategic opportunities, and key challenges, while exploring avenues for enhanced coordination in



delivering the Government's development agenda. TARDA, led by Director Resource Planning and Development Ms. Irene Ndavi, highlighted its ongoing investments in water resources development, irrigation, climate resilience, environmental conservation, and socio-economic transformation across the Tana and Athi River Basins. During the engagement, the Principal Secretary reaffirmed her commitment to supporting State Corporations under the Department and emphasized the importance of collaboration, innovation, and effective programme implementation in accelerating development outcomes across the ASAL regions. The engagement marks an important step in strengthening institutional partnerships and aligning priorities towards sustainable development, food security, climate adaptation, and improved livelihoods.

Strengthening Values, Strengthening Institutions

Strengthening institutions is not a slogan—it is a discipline anchored in values that shape decisions, conduct, and outcomes.

TARDA's Committee Members engaged in a two-day capacity-building programme on 4th-5th June 2026, facilitated by the Directorate of National Cohesion and Values under the Executive Office of the President led by Asst. Director Mr. John Omollo. The focus is clear: translate the National Values and Principles of Governance under Article 10 of the Constitution into practical, everyday institutional practice.



TARDA Managing Director Mr. Liban Roba officially opened the training, which aims to sharpen critical capabilities across national cohesion and integration, performance contracting on national values, the mandate of National Values and Principles of Governance Committees within MDAs, and applied learning from the preparation of the Annual President's Report on National Values and Principles of Governance. At its core, this is about alignment—ensuring that governance frameworks are not just documented, but lived. Ethical leadership, accountability, inclusivity, and transparency are being reinforced as operational standards, not aspirational ideals.

For TARDA, this is a direct investment in institutional credibility and delivery capacity—strengthening how we serve communities, manage resources, and drive sustainable development outcomes across our mandate.

From Source To Confluence: Tarda Advances Preparation Of The Integrated Athi River Basin Plan



In June 2026, teams from TARDA followed the Athi River Basin—not from behind office desks, but on the ground, where the river begins, where it is nurtured, and where it faces its greatest pressures.

This field exercise forms part of the preparation of the Integrated Athi River Basin Plan, a strategic framework that will guide the sustainable development, management and restoration of one of Kenya's most important river systems.

Planning an entire river basin cannot be based on assumptions. It must be grounded in evidence.

That is why our teams have engaged communities, institutions, environmental groups, county and national government officers, researchers, farmers, conservationists and private sector actors to understand not only the challenges facing the basin, but also the opportunities that already exist within it.

From the peat bogs of Ondiri Wetland, where the Athi's journey begins, to the forests of Thogoto and Oloolua, the springs of Kikuyu, the wetlands of Karai and Manguo, the Kiserian River and Kiserian Dam, and innovative farms demonstrating sustainable agriculture, organic production and biogas technology and so many other sites, every stop has contributed another piece to understanding the basin as one interconnected system.

The exercise has also revealed an important reality. Water pollution, degradation of river ecosystems, flood risks and unsustainable land use rarely occur in isolation. They are often linked to broader issues such as inadequate sewer infrastructure, poor solid waste management, encroachment of riparian areas and increasing pressure on natural resources.

Addressing these challenges requires more than isolated interventions. It demands integrated planning informed by reliable data and strengthened through collaboration.

TARDA is therefore deeply grateful to the many institutions and individuals who have generously shared their knowledge, opened their doors and walked alongside our technical teams throughout this exercise. We particularly acknowledge the invaluable support of the Nairobi Rivers Commission, National Government Administrative Officers (NGAOs), Regional Administrative Offices, county government officials, community leaders, environmental organizations including Friends of Ondiri Wetland Kenya - FOWK, private sector stakeholders, researchers, farmers and the many communities across the Athi River Basin whose local knowledge is helping shape this important planning process.

Their contributions are ensuring that the Integrated Athi River Basin Plan reflects not only technical assessments, but also the lived realities of the people and ecosystems that depend on the basin every day. As this phase of fieldwork draws to a close, TARDA remains committed to developing an integrated basin plan that provides practical, evidence-based solutions for restoring river health, strengthening water security, reducing flood risks, supporting sustainable livelihoods and guiding coordinated development across the Athi River Basin. Because restoring a river begins with understanding it. And understanding it begins by listening.

Beyond Resilience: Why Kenya's Drylands Must Become The Next Frontier Of Growth

For decades, much of the national conversation around ASALs has centred on drought, food aid, water scarcity, and vulnerability. Yet these same landscapes support the majority of Kenya's livestock herd, contain vast natural resources, sustain critical ecosystems, and hold immense potential for agriculture, renewable energy, trade, and investment.

These were some of the conversations that shaped the 3rd Dryland Agriculture and Food Systems Conference in Mtito Andei, convened by Lukenya University and @EdSource Africa held on 17th-18th June 2026 where TARDA served on the Planning Committee alongside a diverse coalition of partners committed to advancing climate resilience, food security, water security, and inclusive growth.

What emerged from the discussions was a powerful consensus: resilient food systems cannot be built without resilient water systems. Climate adaptation cannot succeed without investment in landscapes. And sustainable development cannot be achieved if the regions most exposed to climate shocks remain on the margins of planning and investment.

The conference challenged participants to move beyond fragmented projects and short-term interventions toward integrated solutions that connect water, agriculture, livestock, infrastructure, ecosystems, finance, technology, and governance. For TARDA, this conversation resonates deeply with our mandate.

Across the Tana and Athi River Basins, we see firsthand that the future of dryland development lies not in responding to crises after they occur, but in building the systems that reduce vulnerability before it takes hold: irrigation infrastructure that expands food production, catchment conservation that protects water resources, climate-smart investments that strengthen livelihoods, and partnerships that turn policy into measurable impact. The future of Kenya's drylands will not be determined by rainfall alone. It will be determined by the decisions we make today about water, investment, innovation, and inclusion.



Validating Progress, Strengthening Impact: Tarda Reviews Its 2023–2027 Strategic Plan

A strategy only creates value when it is continuously assessed, refined, and aligned to changing realities.

On 23rd June 2026, TARDA convened stakeholders for the validation of the Mid-Term Review Report of its 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, providing an opportunity to assess progress made, validate key findings, and strengthen the Authority's strategic direction for the remainder of the plan period.

The review process is a critical milestone in ensuring that TARDA remains responsive to emerging development priorities while delivering on its mandate of sustainable management and development of the Tana and Athi River basins. The stakeholder validation exercise reflects TARDA's commitment to accountability, evidence-based decision-making, and inclusive engagement as we work towards a more resilient, productive, and sustainable future for the communities we serve. Together with our partners, we are taking stock of progress, identifying opportunities for improvement, and positioning the Authority to deliver greater impact in water resources development, food security, environmental sustainability, and socio-economic transformation.



Building Livelihoods, Strengthening Ecosystems: Tarda Equips Tigania East Communities With Beekeeping Skills

Beekeeping is far more than honey production. It is an investment in livelihoods, environmental conservation, biodiversity, and climate resilience. On 27th June 2026, TARDA conducted a comprehensive beekeeping training programme for 80 members of the Watene na Mpuri Community Groups in Tigania East Sub-County, Meru County, equipping participants with practical skills to establish profitable and sustainable apiaries. Led by TARDA's technical team comprising Mr. Joses Mugambi and Mr. Erasmus Bundi, the training covered the entire beekeeping value chain—from apiary establishment, colony management, bee forage development and the critical role of bees in pollination, to honey harvesting, processing, quality assurance, and simple techniques for identifying genuine, high-quality honey in the marketplace. Beyond enhancing household incomes, participants explored how planting bee-friendly trees and vegetation contributes to catchment conservation, ecosystem restoration, and the broader national effort to increase tree cover while creating sustainable economic opportunities for communities. The training was later joined by Ms. Doreen, Director from the Office of the Deputy President, while officials from the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) complemented the programme by training participants on table banking to strengthen financial inclusion and community enterprise. The enthusiasm and appreciation expressed by participants reaffirmed an important truth: when communities are equipped with knowledge, practical skills, and the right partnerships, they become active drivers of environmental stewardship and local economic transformation.

For TARDA, this is what integrated regional development looks like—linking conservation with enterprise, strengthening livelihoods while protecting natural resources, and empowering communities to build resilience from the ground up.



Honouring Our Heritage, Restoring Our Environment

As Kenya marked Madaraka Day on 1st June 2026, TARDA joined the Dedan Kimathi Foundation, fellow descendants of freedom fighters, government agencies, conservation partners and local communities at the historic Dedan Kimathi Residence in Njabini for the "Uzalendo na Uhifadhi wa Mazingira"



initiative. Represented by our Kinangop Team, TARDA participated in seed sowing, tree nursery maintenance, and weeding activities, reaffirming our belief that protecting the environment is one of the greatest ways we can honour the sacrifices made by our freedom heroes. The event served as a powerful reminder that the legacy of independence extends beyond preserving our history—it includes safeguarding the natural resources that sustain present and future generations. By restoring ecosystems and nurturing indigenous trees, we continue to invest in climate resilience, healthy watersheds and sustainable livelihoods. TARDA remains committed to partnerships that promote environmental conservation and ensure that the spirit of Madaraka lives on through meaningful action.

Empowering Youth Through Sports, Partnership And Opportunity

TARDA joined the people of Imenti North Sub-County, Meru County, in commemorating the 63rd Madaraka Day celebrations through a community football tournament that brought together young people, local leaders and development partners.

Representing the Authority, Regional Representative Mr. J.K. Mugambi participated alongside Meru County Executive Committee Member for Youth and Sports, Hon. Murega, Bucha Foundation Director Mr. Patrick Mwenda Bucha, the National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO), learning institutions and members of the community.

As part of its commitment to youth empowerment, TARDA presented brand-new footballs to all participating teams, supporting sports as a platform for nurturing talent, promoting healthy lifestyles and strengthening community cohesion.

The tournament concluded with Gikumene FC emerging as champions, receiving a trophy, football kits, a new match ball from the Meru County Government, and a cash award from the Bucha Foundation.

At TARDA, we believe that investing in young people goes beyond infrastructure—it means creating opportunities that inspire teamwork, discipline and leadership while building stronger, more resilient communities.



A New Chapter For Coastal Development: Jumuiya Ya Kaunti Za Pwani Blue Economy Action Plan Launched

Unlocking the full potential of Kenya's Blue Economy requires coordinated action, strategic investments, and strong partnerships.

On 12th June 2026 TARDA joined national and county government institutions, development partners, the private sector, and other stakeholders at the launch of the Jumuiya ya Kaunti za Pwani Blue Economy Multi-Agency Action Plan (JKP-BEMAP) 2026–2030 convened the Kenya Maritime Authority in Mombasa. The Action Plan provides a shared roadmap for advancing sustainable Blue Economy development across the coastal region through six key pillars: sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, maritime transport and logistics, coastal and marine tourism, environmental sustainability and blue carbon, renewable energy and green growth, and value addition, industrialization, and innovation.

For TARDA, the launch is particularly significant given our mandate in natural resource management, water resources development, climate resilience, and sustainable livelihoods across the Tana River Basin, which connects directly to Kenya's coastal ecosystems and blue economy opportunities.

The successful implementation of the BEMAP has the potential to drive investment, create jobs, strengthen food security, enhance environmental conservation, and improve livelihoods for millions of people across the coastal counties. As a partner in development, TARDA remains committed to supporting initiatives that promote sustainable resource utilization, climate resilience, and inclusive economic growth for present and future generations.



Beyond The Shoreline: Tarda Contributes To Shaping Kenya's First Marine Spatial Plan

The future of Kenya's Blue Economy will not be determined by what happens at sea alone. It will also depend on how well we connect our rivers, coastlines, infrastructure, ecosystems and communities through integrated planning.

On 29th June 2026, TARDA participated in the validation of Kenya's Draft Marine Spatial Plan (MSP), a landmark national framework that will guide the sustainable management and utilization of Kenya's marine resources while balancing economic development, environmental conservation and competing ocean uses.

Representing the Authority within the Transportation and Infrastructure thematic group, TARDA's Mr. Kevin Kienja contributed technical input to strengthen the integration of infrastructure planning, transport systems and the critical linkages between inland river basins and Kenya's coastal and marine ecosystems. For TARDA, this engagement reflects a fundamental planning principle: river basins do not end where rivers meet the ocean. Every decision made upstream influences water quality, sediment transport, biodiversity, coastal resilience and the health of marine ecosystems downstream.

As the lead institution for integrated development across the Tana and Athi River Basins, the Authority continues to champion planning approaches that recognise the interconnected nature of our natural systems. Sustainable management of Kenya's marine space must therefore be informed by equally sustainable management of the landscapes and river systems that feed into it.

The successful validation of the Draft Marine Spatial Plan marks an important milestone towards strengthening Kenya's Blue Economy while reinforcing the value of coordinated, evidence-based planning across sectors and ecosystems. TARDA remains committed to contributing its technical expertise to national planning processes that advance sustainable development, strengthen natural resource governance, and secure the long-term resilience of Kenya's river basins, coastlines and marine environment.



Partnerships For Impact: Tarda Joins Stakeholders In Supporting Vulnerable Communities In Tharaka Nithi

On 16th June 2026, TARDA joined the Office of the Deputy President, the Tharaka Nithi County Government, the County Commissioner's Office, Friends of Maasai, courtesy of Rebecca Bor, and other partners in Katwana, Tharaka Nithi County, for a wheelchairs distribution programme aimed at supporting vulnerable members of society.

Representing TARDA Regional Coordinator Mr. Joses K. Mugambi participated in the event, which was presided over by the Chief Guest, Hon. Fridah. The initiative underscored the importance of collective action in improving the welfare and dignity of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.

The event also featured the planting of macadamia tree seedlings donated by TARDA and its conservation partners, symbolizing a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable livelihoods. Participants were encouraged to embrace tree growing and proper nutrition as part of building healthier and more resilient communities.

Through its partnership with the Office of the Deputy President, TARDA continues to support community empowerment through initiatives focused on beekeeping, value addition, agro-processing, capacity building, and environmental conservation.



Small Actions. Bigger Impact. Stronger Communities

Environmental stewardship begins at the community level.

As part of the World Environment Day 2026 commemorations, TARDA joined The Sanergy Collaborative (Fresh Life Initiative), community members, local leaders, government representatives, and other partners in a community clean-up exercise at Wapewape, Kwa Njenga on 12th June 2026.

The initiative demonstrated the power of collective action in creating cleaner, healthier, and more resilient communities. Beyond improving public spaces, the exercise reinforced the shared responsibility we all have in protecting our environment and promoting sustainable urban living.

TARDA is proud to have partnered in this initiative, recognizing that healthy communities and healthy ecosystems go hand in hand. Every clean-up effort, every partnership, and every volunteer contributes to a broader vision of environmental sustainability and improved quality of life.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all volunteers and partners whose commitment made the exercise a success. Through such collaborations, we continue to champion practical solutions that strengthen environmental stewardship and build more sustainable communities.



Building A Safer Future: Tarda Leads The Conversation On Dam Safety

As Kenya continues to invest in strategic water infrastructure, strengthening dam safety has become more than an engineering priority—it is a national imperative.

Through the TARDA Development Dialogues, the Authority convened national, regional, and international experts on 10th June 2026 to examine the future of dam safety governance, institutional coordination, and infrastructure resilience in Kenya.

The dialogue explored critical issues including the need for a comprehensive national dam safety framework, stronger institutional capacity, improved data systems, climate resilience, emergency preparedness, and international best practices in dam safety management. Our panel brought together a distinguished group of experts from Kenya, the Nile Basin region, and the global dam safety community.

The discussion featured Mr. Liban Roba, Managing Director of TARDA; Eng. Robinson Gaita, Outgoing Board Member of TARDA and Water Sector Engineer; Dr. Ali Aman, Dam Safety Regional Coordinator at ENTRO; and Tony Bennett, Senior Dam Safety Specialist Advisor. The session was expertly moderated by Eng. Francis Wachira of TARDA. A key outcome of the discussions was the shared recognition that safeguarding dams requires coordinated action among government institutions, regulators, dam owners, technical experts, and local communities. Participants also underscored the importance of adopting risk-based planning, strengthening governance frameworks, and investing in technical capacity to enhance dam safety, protect lives and livelihoods, ensure water security, and safeguard critical national infrastructure.



As the owner of Masinga and Kiambere Dams—both designated as Critical National Infrastructure—TARDA remains committed to advancing evidence-based dialogue, strengthening dam safety practices, and supporting the development of a resilient national framework that safeguards Kenya's strategic water assets. We extend our appreciation to all speakers, panelists, technical experts, and participants whose insights continue to shape practical solutions for a safer, more resilient future. Because protecting our dams is ultimately about protecting our people, our economy, and our future. Each brings a distinct lens on dam safety, infrastructure resilience, and the evolving governance landscape shaping water systems today. This is where technical depth meets national priority.

World Environment Day 2026 Round-up

1. Nyandarua County

On 5th June 2026 joined national stakeholders in marking World Environment Day at the Ol Kalou Arboretum Grounds in Nyandarua County. Led by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry, the event highlighted Ol Kalou as a key hub in advancing Kenya's conservation and climate action agenda. A strong reminder that ecosystem restoration is a shared responsibility, anchored in coordinated national action.



2. TARDA & Lukenya University Collaboration

TARDA, in partnership with Lukenya University and ChildFund Kenya, joined hands with schools and surrounding communities to advance environmental conservation during World Environment Day 2026 celebrations. A total of 10,000 assorted seedlings and fruit trees were supplied and distributed to support ongoing greening efforts across learning institutions and the wider community. As part of the day's activities, 2,000 seedlings and fruit trees were planted at Ilatu Secondary School, reinforcing practical climate action on the ground. The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor of Lukenya University and the Director of ChildFund, who underscored the critical role of tree planting and environmental stewardship in building a sustainable future. This collaboration continues to demonstrate the power of partnerships in driving meaningful ecosystem restoration.



3. Makueni County

TARDA in collaboration with the Makueni County Department of Environment, NEMA, and other stakeholders, joined learners, community members, and environmental champions in commemorating World Environment Day 2026 at Kea Comprehensive School in Malili, Kilome Sub-County.

The event underscored the importance of environmental conservation, climate action, and community participation in building a sustainable future. Through the collective efforts of participating organizations, a total of 920 tree and fruit seedlings were donated between TARDA, Captain Green and Two Brothers Farms.

During the celebrations, 400 assorted tree seedlings were planted, while the remaining seedlings were distributed to community members to support continued greening efforts beyond the event. TARDA was also honoured with a Certificate of Participation in recognition of its contribution to environmental conservation and commitment to sustainable development initiatives within the region.

We appreciate the collaboration of all partners and stakeholders who continue to champion environmental stewardship and support the national tree-growing agenda.



4. Embu, Meru And Kiambu Counties Edition

In celebration of World Environment Day held on 5th June 2026, TARDA staff commemorated the day across Embu, Meru, and Kiambu counties by joining fellow stakeholders, community groups, learning institutions, and conservation agencies in a series of activities aimed at promoting environmental stewardship and climate resilience.

The celebrations featured tree-growing initiatives, town and public facility clean-up exercises, and awareness sessions for learners on the importance of environmental conservation, sustainable waste management, and the protection of wetlands and other critical ecosystems. A total of 2,900 tree seedlings were planted across the region to commemorate this year's World Environment Day, contributing to national efforts to restore landscapes and enhance climate resilience. In Meru County, TARDA joined local community groups in tree-growing initiatives aimed at strengthening environmental conservation efforts at the grassroots level. In Kiambu County, Mr. Mugambi visited the Karura Forest Tree Nursery, where he signed the visitors' book and participated in tree planting activities alongside the National Youth Service (NYS). During the visit, he expressed appreciation to the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) for its continued partnership and support of TARDA's conservation initiatives across the Tana Basin.



5. Tana River County

As part of the 2026 World Environment Day celebrations, staff from TARDA's Tana Delta Irrigation Project (TDIP) joined hands with fellow stakeholders, including NEMA, KFS, KWS, the National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO), community-based organizations, learning institutions, and local communities to champion environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The day provided an opportunity to raise awareness on the importance of environmental stewardship through community sensitization on waste management, town clean-up initiatives, and responsible natural resource management.

To mark the occasion, participants planted 1,200 tree seedlings at Gamba Primary School and Gamba Health Centre, while the local community demonstrated its commitment to conservation by contributing an additional 1,000 seedlings.

The event also showcased practical environmental skills, including proper tree planting techniques, hole preparation, seedling care and watering, as well as innovative approaches to plastic waste management and recycling. TARDA appreciates the support and collaboration of KFS, NEMA, KWS, NGAO, local institutions, and community partners, whose collective efforts continue to advance environmental conservation and climate resilience within the Tana Delta. Every tree planted is an investment in healthier ecosystems, stronger communities, and a more sustainable tomorrow.



6. Nairobi County Edition

TARDA staff from the Head Office, project sites, and regional offices joined hands in tree-growing activities across various workstations, reaffirming our commitment to environmental stewardship and climate action.

In Nairobi County, TARDA partnered with the Nairobi County Green Army and Trees & Culture CBO at the Ruai Sewerage Treatment Works for a tree-planting exercise aimed at restoring ecosystems, enhancing green spaces, and contributing to the national tree-growing agenda.

The activity reflects our shared responsibility to protect the environment, strengthen climate resilience, and create healthier landscapes for present and future generations. Every seedling planted yesterday is a step towards cleaner air, restored ecosystems, protected water resources, and a greener Kenya.



7. Machakos Edition

TARDA hosted partners and local communities at Masinga DAM Resort in Machakos County to commemorate World Environment Day 2026 through tree planting and environmental awareness activities aimed at promoting climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods.

A total of 2,020 tree seedlings comprising indigenous, ornamental, and fruit tree species were planted across 6.26 hectares, contributing to landscape restoration, biodiversity conservation, and improved ecosystem health during the event that was convened by Nema Kenya and the County Government of Machakos. To amplify the impact at the community level, 2,240 additional seedlings (1,120 assorted fruit trees, 880 indigenous seedlings, and 240 passion fruit seedlings) were distributed to schools and surrounding communities to support agroforestry, food security, and environmental stewardship.

As part of TARDA's commitment to linking conservation with economic empowerment, community members also received capacity building on beekeeping, highlighting the role of apiculture in supporting livelihoods, enhancing pollination, promoting biodiversity, and creating incentives for environmental conservation. The event brought together a wide range of stakeholders including Kenya Forest Service, NGAO, KALRO, Kenya National Highways Authority, KenGen, Water Resources Authority, educational institutions, community organizations, and local leaders, demonstrating the importance of partnerships in addressing climate and environmental challenges.

By restoring landscapes and equipping communities with sustainable livelihood skills, we are helping build a greener, more resilient future.



TARDA's Masinga Dam Resort Selected To Host Machakos County's World Environment Day 2026 Celebrations

TARDA was honoured to host this year's County Government of Machakos's 2026 #WorldEnvironmentDay celebrations at Masinga DAM Resort on 5th June 2026, following its selection by NEMA.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Masinga Dam, Kenya's largest reservoir, the celebrations will bring together leaders, environmental champions, institutions, and communities under the theme:

"A Global Call for Climate Action"

This recognition affirms the growing role of Masinga Dam Resort as a premier destination for environmental dialogue, sustainability advocacy, and climate action initiatives. As custodians of critical water resources infrastructure, TARDA remains committed to promoting sustainable development, environmental conservation, climate resilience, and responsible natural resource management.

We were happy to welcome all stakeholders as well as participants from across the country as we collectively reflected on the actions needed to safeguard our environment and build a more sustainable future for generations to come.



Honouring A Legacy Of Dedicated Service: Celebrating Ms. Elizabeth Wambui

On Thursday, 11th June 2026, TARDA came together to celebrate and honour Ms. Elizabeth Wambui, whose remarkable career with the Authority spanned nearly three decades.

Ms. Wambui joined TARDA on 1st July 1996 and faithfully served the Authority until her retirement in August 2025. Throughout her 29 years of service, she worked in various departments, contributing her knowledge, professionalism, and dedication wherever she was called to serve. She concluded her career as the Secretary in the Legal Department. The retirement celebration provided an opportunity for colleagues to reflect on her years of service and the many relationships she built across the Authority. She was recognised for her commitment to duty, professionalism, dependability, and the positive impact she made on both the institution and those she worked alongside. At TARDA, we recognise that our greatest strength lies in the people who dedicate their careers to advancing our mandate. The experience, institutional memory, and commitment of officers like Ms. Wambui have played an important role in shaping the Authority's journey over the years. As she begins a new chapter, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her 29 years of dedicated service and wish her good health, happiness, and fulfilment in retirement. Congratulations, Ms. Elizabeth Wambui, and thank you for your invaluable contribution to TARDA. Your legacy of service will remain an enduring part of our story.



TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Transparency refers to the requirement to share information and act in an open manner.

Accountability refers to being held responsible for one's actions, conduct and management of resources.

Public accountability therefore refers to the obligation of persons entrusted with public resources to report on the management of such resources.

Indicators of Transparency and Accountability

- I. Established clear processes for information sharing and decision making;*
- II. Established participative communication frameworks.*
- III. Established oversight mechanisms that ensure standards are met.*
- IV. Enforcement of oversight mechanisms.*
- V. Established impartial prosecution of violators.*

Challenges to the Realization of Transparency and Accountability

- I. Weak enforcement mechanisms.*
- II. Inadequate Resources for Enforcement*
- III. Inadequate Support at International level in case of cross boarder violations.*
- IV. Political interference.*

Benefits of Transparency and Accountability

- I. Promotion of public participation in governance processes*
- II. Promotes community empowerment*
- III. Facilitates appreciation of progress made by organizations and institutions in meeting the needs of the people.*
- IV. Improved service delivery*
- V. Promotion of good governance and performance in organizations.*
- VI. Promotes public confidence in governance.*
- VII. Enhanced accessibility to information by the public.*
- VIII. Enhanced cohesion and harmony, which leads to political stability and democracy.*

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